

## NEW ASCENT RECORD CLAIMED BY FORBES

Balloon Which Plunged to Earth in Kentucky Rose to Height of 20,600 Feet.

### PICTURES TAKEN OF THE COMET.

Collapse of Gas Bag Due to Breaking of Rigging—Fell 300 Feet.

Horse Cave, Ky., May 12.—That the flight for a world's distance record from Quincy, Ill., by A. Holland Forbes, holder of the Lahm cup, and James Carlington Yates, the astronomer, both of New York, which began on Monday evening, terminating late Tuesday in a tumble to the earth from a height of perhaps 300 feet near Center, Ky., was not without its compensations was indicated by a statement made by Forbes last night.

The balloon broke the ascent record, it is declared, and some valuable photographs of the comet were secured at an elevation of 18,000 feet.

On Tuesday morning, according to their measurements, Forbes and Yates in the Viking passed through a snowstorm at 11:40 o'clock at an elevation of 16,000 feet. An hour later they passed through the second flurry at a height of 16,400 feet. At 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the balloon reached the extreme altitude of 20,600 feet, which is 2,000 feet higher than any authorized record ever made in America.

Describes Their Experience. Forbes last night thus described their experiences after reaching the greatest height:

"In descending from the great elevation we had very little sand left, and as the gas contracted, the balloon bag became extremely flabby. Everything, however, went well until we were a few hundred feet above the ground when the appendix line broke loose from the ring supporting the basket.

"There was so little gas in the bag at the time that the rigging collapsed, and, with the basket attached, it naturally dropped. This caused the rip cord, which is attached to the ring, to rip open the balloon at the height of 300 feet from the ground.

"I cannot describe the sensation of that 300 feet to the ground, it came so suddenly. I have a faint recollection of seeing men below me in a plowed field and of subconsciously trying, it seemed, to tilt up the basket that Mr. Yates and I might spring free from the rigging when close to the ground. The basket did not tilt as it would have done under ordinary circumstances, and this was the cause of our injury.

### Narrow Escape From Death.

"I believe the only thing that prevented the breaking of our backs when the basket fell squarely down under the weight of the bag was the rubber air mattress which we had placed in the bottom of the basket that we might be comfortable when we wanted to lie down.

"For a moment I was stunned by the impact. Then I recovered and saw two or three men coming to our aid. They extricated us and in improvised litters we were carried to this house."

Discussing the more remote circumstances which might have had a bearing on the accident, Mr. Forbes continued:

"In starting from Quincy we were unable to carry more than thirty-three forty-pound bags of

sand, which, together with the tremendous height to which we ascended, shortened the trip. We should never have started the flight with less than fifty bags of ballast.

"On this trip I did not mind the low temperature so much; both of us were prepared for it. We suffered for want of oxygen, though when we went higher than 18,000 feet the air pressure at that altitude is not more than three or four pounds, and it seems that one cannot get enough air.

"We panted like dogs and my ear drums and eyes pained me greatly. Yates suffered in the same manner. Some aeronauts take tanks of oxygen with their supplies, but we did not think we would need it. One can become accustomed to the rapid changes in air pressure after he has been up a while."

Both Forbes and Yates were resting comfortably this morning in beds at the log home of Joseph Bastin, north of Center.

### COUNTERFEITING COAL CHECKS

Is Charge Against Tobe Bell, of Ohio County.

A warrant was sworn out by Harry Barnard, of the Williams Coal Company, Tuesday, charging Tobe Bell with the offense of counterfeiting the coal company's checks. The warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff T. H. Black, who left at once for Nortonville, Ky., where Bell had been apprehended and served the warrant, returning to Hartford with his prisoner Wednesday morning. Bell is now lodged in jail to await examining trial. As circuit court is near at hand no examining trial will probably be held, as the grand jury will investigate the matter during the coming term.—Hartford Republican.

### ROWLAND QUALLS KILLED AT HANSON

Falls Under Moving Train and Life is Crushed Out.

Rowland Qualls, of Hanson, was instantly killed last Saturday afternoon by falling under a moving train at that place. The train, run by Conductor Orson Cansler and Engineer Tuck, was going through the town about 10 miles an hour, when Qualls attempted to catch it. He missed his footing, and was thrown underneath the cars, being horribly mangled and cut up.

Mr. Qualls for some time worked in Earlinton in various capacities, and was well known here. His body was interred at Hanson.

### Supper Given by the W. O. W.

One of the nicest affairs ever given in this city was a spread of good things to eat given by the lodge to its members and friends at their handsome lodge room in the Victory building Wednesday night. Notwithstanding the hard rain, over 50 were present. A fine address was made by Rev. W. H. Moore, which was enjoyed by all. The long table was loaded with all the luxuries of life and the boys deserve great credit. This lodge is one of the coming orders in the State. The uniform rank will have charge of the moving picture show tonight.

### Chas. Favors, of This City, Gets Ten Years in State Prison.

Chas. Favors, of this city, who was arrested some time ago for carnally knowing a female under 16 years, was given ten years in State prison by the circuit court in Madisonville last week.

## THE COMET

Out of the dark where worlds lie stark and suns have long been cold,  
From far beyond where eons dawned whose tale has not been told,  
With ceaseless sweep out from the deep where unfound planets swim—  
So far, in truth, that we forsooth are but a vision dim—  
The comet whirls through misty swirls of vapor that was stars  
And time nor space may end its race, for it will heed no bars.  
Past realms of light that glimmer white outside creation's bounds,  
Past systems new whose worlds askew fret on their primal rounds;  
Through each vast clime so swift that time ends as a breath indrawn  
And years lag back upon the track of piodding night and dawn—  
The comet flies by dip and rise of universes made  
Upon a way left clear the day the stars' long paths were laid.  
And none may know where it may go, nor none know whence it comes,  
How down the height of outflung night its pulsing murmur thrums;  
None knows its way, nor on what day with mighty force 'twas hurled  
To cleave its path in epic wrath past trembling sun and world;  
None knows the skies through which it flies, its long way none can trace—  
Great and alone it may have known this as an empty place!  
Out of the dark where worlds lie stark, from depths where worlds are new;  
Through realms unknown with great suns sown across their fields of blue;  
On, on, and on! till it has gone unto the farthest bound  
Of time and space in the long race that drives it round and round,  
The comet leaps across the deeps all bare of orbs and spheres  
And mocks at us who fumble thus with hours, and days, and years!

WILBUR D. NESBIT.

## RESIGNATION OF JESSE PHILLIPS

Will Retire from Earlinton Bank After 10 Years' Successful Service.

### W. L. PHILLIPS ELECTED CASHIER AND ELSWORTH EVANS ASSISTANT

Jesse Phillips has resigned as Cashier of Earlinton Bank and is to be succeeded by his brother, W. L. Phillips, who is promoted from position as Assistant Cashier. Elsworth Evans has been elected Assistant Cashier, coming from a position of responsibility with the L. & N. railroad, having been receiving Freight Agent and Cashier here for several years past to the eminent satisfaction of his employers and the Earlinton public. Jesse Phillips retires from a

ten years' successful career as Cashier, during which time he has seen the bank grow from a small affair to an institution of importance. He was elected to that position when Earlinton Bank was first organized and has faithfully and constantly performed the duties of that position, without cessation, during that entire time. Several years ago he studied law and was admitted to the bar after having stood an excellent examination. He has practiced law as his duties to the bank would permit, and his knowledge of law has been of much assistance in his efficient filling of the cashier's office. In Mr. Phillips' retirement the Earlinton Bank will lose a well qualified, conscientious and painstaking officer, who has always made the bank's interests his first concern. These changes will go in effect on June first. Mr. Phillips announces his inten-



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tion to rest for a while. Whether he will hang out his shingle as an attorney, for a successful legal career, or just how his plans for the future may crystallize, is not known, but he has numerous friends who are wishing for and believing in a good and prosperous future for him.

Messrs. Phillips and Evans, who will handle the future business of the Earlinton Bank, under the able guidance of Jas. R. Rash, its President, and an able board of directors, are both young men of highest probity and devotion to duty, and possessed of fine ability to serve with polite care and accuracy the interest of this important Earlinton institution.

### BANKER ANDERSON FOUND GUILTY

And Sentenced to Eighteen Months in Eddyville Penitentiary.

Henderson, Ky., May 16.—After being out two hours and a half the jury in the T. S. Anderson case returned a verdict of guilty, as charged in the indictment, and fixed the punishment at eighteen months in the State prison. The case will be appealed by Mr. Anderson's attorneys and fought out in the Court of Appeals.

The jury to a man was for conviction, but was of a different opinion as to what term of years should be named as the punishment. The length of sentence varied from one to five years.

The trial was in progress three days and was stubbornly fought by both sides. The defense made many objections and exceptions to the ruling of the court.

### TO STUDY 200 MONKEYS

Animals Shipped From Hamburg to Rockefeller Institute for Experiments in "Brains"

New York, May 13.—Two hundred chattering monkeys, which were a valuable part of the cargo of the liner Graf Waldersee, just in from Hamburg, are consigned to the Rockefeller Institute, where they are to be used in experimentation.

According to the men who make a specialty of importing animals, the Institute is a very good customer and hundreds of monkeys go there each year.

The present consignment is to be used, it is said, for "studies of the brain."

### KNOX TO STAND BY MINISTER COMBS

Another Kentuckian With Splendid Record Will be Kept in Office.

Washington, May 12.—No definite information can be obtained at the White House in regard to the movement to displace Leslie Combs with H. Clay Howard. It seems that the movement started with the Kentucky Republican delegation.

Secretary Knox's influence may be counted on to block the plan, if possible. He admires Combs and thinks the Kentuckian has made a first-class official.

### OPENS 70,000,000 ACRES FOR USE AS FARM LAND

Bill Passed by House Releases Surface of Huge Tract Underlaid With Coal

Washington, May 12.—A bill providing for the opening to agricultural settlement and development of the surface of lands which have been classified as coal lands was passed by the House today. The measure would reserve about 70,000,000 acres as coal lands, to be worked on the surface for the purpose of agriculture.

## PRAYS FOR MUCK-RAKERS

Blind Chaplain of House Astonishes the Members.

Asks Divine Guidance for Personal Attention Before Raking Front of Other Doors.

Washington, May 13.—Rev. Henry N. Conden, the blind chaplain of the House of Representatives, astonished the members of that body by praying for divine guidance to lead muck-rakers to "rake before their own doors" before attending to the litter in front of their neighbors' homes.

After expressing gratitude for every upward tendency in the individual toward a life of justice, truth and righteousness, the chaplain continued:

"Since the purity of the home depends upon the purity of those who compose it, the character of the nation depends upon the people who make up the nation. Help us, therefore, as individuals to strive earnestly to cast out the beam from our own eyes that we may see clearly to pull the mote out of our brother's eye. If we are to become muck-rakers, help us to rake before our own door, and if we have time then let us help our neighbor. Since cant and hypocrisy are the most heinous of all sins, deliver us, we pray Thee, from them."

### Comet Dust Falls at Lexington.

Lexington, Ky., May 14.—An unusual phenomenon was recorded here this morning when a heavy deposit of red dust, resembling pulverized brick, was discovered on the streets, sidewalks and houses adjacent to the Union station and postoffice. The dust was evidently deposited over an area of several blocks and evidently came from the atmosphere. All morning crowds of people have visited the scene and gathered up specimens of the dust.

By the microscope it is shown to be a mineral formation variegated in color, resembling crystals, emeralds, amethysts and topaz. The superstitiously inclined call it comet dust and hold to the theory that the earth was hit by the tail of the comet. Others are of the opinion that a meteor exploded in this vicinity, causing the strange deposit.

A quantity of the dust has been taken to the experiment station at the University of Kentucky for examination.

### Plans For Enlarging Deaf and Dumb School.

Danville, Ky., May 12.—The Board of Commissioners of the Kentucky School for the Deaf and Dumb held their annual meeting at the office of Superintendent Augustus Rodgers at the institution, in this city and authorized the construction of an annex to the trade department. Mr. Rodgers was complimented by the board upon his efficient management, and was again re-elected to be at the head of the school. The basis of the institution will also be enlarged and improved. The school is now taxed to its limit of capacity with students.

Several resignations of teachers were handed in and new teachers elected for the coming year.

The new chair for the teaching of the deaf, dumb and blind was instituted, and Miss Sophia Alcorn, who is a member of the faculty, was put in charge of the new department.